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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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On December 6, 1004, the Examiner contacted me by telephone regarding his desire to allow claim 1 and its dependents claims 2-16, but to restrict out claims 17-23 from the previously identified Group I as a species containing the elements of releasing the comb actuator or releasing formed lines to form suspended structures, which would require an additional search and would be distinct from claim 1.

The Examiner agreed to enter an Examiner's amendment striking the "releasing" elements from each of claims 17 and 21, thereby removing this limitation and making claims 17-23 more closely resemble allowed claim 1, bringing claims 1-23 into condition for allowance as a single group. It was further agreed that claim 21 would have the limitations of claim 22 incorporated therein to further distinguish it from claim 1, and claim 22 would be cancelled. The end result is allowance of claims 1-21 and 23.

Applicant reserved the right to pursue claims incorporating the "releasing" limitations at a later date. Applicant further noted that claims 17 and 21 were broadened to obtain issuance, and so remain entitled to the full doctrine of equivalents under Festo and related rules.

Respectfully submitted,

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